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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

> Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds Re:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Telecommunications Act § 254(e) Federal Communications Commission

WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds have been and will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") to receive the federal high-cost support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. services for which the support is intended." certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

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The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2015, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will be reduced as set forth in the federal regulation. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). In order to ensure that the FCC and USAC receive the Commission's certification for SCTC companies in a timely manner, we respectfully request that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2015, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

We are submitting this request pursuant to the above-cited federal law and in compliance with Commission Regulation 103-690.1(C). Please note that the Commission's certification letter to the FCC and USAC must reference WC Docket No. 14-58, which is a different docket number from past years.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Very Truly Yours

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Margaret M. Fox

**Enclosures** 

cc: Christopher Rozycki

Joseph M. Melchers, Esquires James E. Spearman, Ph.D.

Doug Pratt

Company representatives (See Distribution List)

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# ATTACHMENT A

NAME OF COMPANY	STUDY AREA NUMBER
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a/ Rock Hill Telephone Company)	240542
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
FTC Communications, LLC	249002
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551

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### <u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. ("BTC") as its Vice-President, Strategic Planning & Development. I am an officer of BTC and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of BTC. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. BTC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to BTC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Andrew Rein Vice-President, Strategic Planning & Development

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 9th day of 7114 2015

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MOLODY J. TOLFORD
Printed Name of Notary

MELODY J. TOLFORD Notary Public, State of South Carolina My Commission Expires May 27, 2018

My Commission Expires: MAY 11, 2018

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SPARTNBURG

COMPANY: Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Hannah A. Lancaster. I am employed by Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications (the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Hamah A. Lancaster

President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14th day of July 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

HoneH Williams

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: July 18, 2017

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Thomas T. Harper. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Chester Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chester Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Thomas T. Harper

Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13th day of July 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary JANZCE T DAHNKE

My Commission Expires: 12/31/2023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK COUNTY

COMPANY: <u>COMPORIUM, INC</u> STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240542

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

- 1. My name is <u>Matthew L. Dosch</u>. I am employed by <u>COMPORIUM, INC</u> (the "Company") as its <u>EVP-Customer Operations and External Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPORIUM, INC</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPORIUM, INC</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

Matthew L. Dosch

EVP-Customer Oper and External Aff

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6 day of July 2015.

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Jeffrey L. Lawrimore. I am employed by Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal highcost support provided to Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Chief Financial Officer

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Diane Marie Banar Printed Name of Notary

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires Que 20, 2018

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: FTC Communications, LLC STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Jeffrey L. Lawrimore</u>. I am employed by <u>FTC Communications</u>, LLC (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. FTC Communications, LLC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to FTC Communications, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jeff**r**ev L. Lawrimore Chief Financial Officer

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Diane Marie Banar
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: June 20, 2018

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK COUNTY

COMPANY: FORT MILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Matthew L. Dosch</u>. I am employed by <u>FORT MILL</u> <u>TELEPHONE COMPANY</u> (the "Company") as its <u>EVP-Customer Operations and</u> <u>External Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>FORT MILL TELEPHONE COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>FORT MILL TELEPHONE COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

Matthew Dosch

EVP-Customer Oper and External Aff

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6 day of July 2015.

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. ("Hargray") as its Vice-President, Strategic Planning & Development. I am an officer of Hargray and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of Hargray. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Hargray hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Hargray was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

Andrew Rein
Vice-President, Strategic
Planning & Development

MELODY J. TOLFORD Notary Public, State of South Carolina My Commission Expires May 27, 2018

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MELOOY J. TOLFORD
Printed Name of Notary

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

My Commission Expires: MAY 27, 2018

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Berkeley

COMPANY: Home Telephone ILEC, LLC STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is William S. Helmly. I am employed by <u>Home Telephone ILEC</u>, <u>LLC</u> (the "Company") as its <u>President</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Home Telephone ILEC, LLC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Home Telephone ILEC, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William S. Helmly President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this  $6 \frac{4}{3} \frac{4}{3} \frac{4}{3} = 2015$ .

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Debra D. Mc Griff
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: <u>Quaust</u> 13, 2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF *Horry* 

COMPANY: Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Carlton Lewis. I am employed by Horry Telephone Cooperative, *Inc.* (the "Company") as its CFO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Horry Telephone hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Horry Telephone was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 10 day of 5.

Nancy V. Moore
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: Upril 16, 2017

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK COUNTY

COMPANY: LANCASTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Matthew L. Dosch</u>. I am employed by <u>LANCASTER</u>
  <u>TELEPHONE COMPANY</u> (the "Company") as its <u>EVP-Customer Operations and</u>
  <u>External Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>LANCASTER TELEPHONE COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>LANCASTER TELEPHONE COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

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EVP-Customer Oper and External Aff

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6 day of July 2015.

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: LOCKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Thomas T. Harper. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lockhart Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Thomas T. Harper

Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 134 day of July 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: \2/31/2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Executive Vice President,

TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

day of

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019

STATE OF WISCONSIN

**COUNTY OF DANE** 

COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Executive Vice President,

TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

COMPANY: PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Jason J. Dandridge. I am employed by Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Karen J. Bridge NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Karen L Bridge
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: April 10, 2024

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF LAURENS** 

COMPANY: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Kara E. Horner</u>. I am employed by <u>Piedmont Rural Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>TITLE</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kara E. Horner
Director of Finance

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Jehni Fer Murphy

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 8125119

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

COMPANY: PBT Telecom, Inc. STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is L.B. Spearman. I am employed by PBT Telecom, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. PBT Telecom, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to PBT telecom, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

L.B. Spearman Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6th day of July 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Lee Ann Shealy

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 03-25-2023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: RIDGEWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Thomas T. Harper. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Ridgeway Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Ridgeway Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Thomas T. Harper

Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 134 day of 1015.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12/31 2023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD** 

COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Lee Chambers. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.(the "Company") as its Manager/Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Manager/ Chief Executive Officer

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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My Commission Expires: 0 + 22, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Executive Vice President,

TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

lay of July

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

COMPANY: **WEST CAROLINA RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.** STUDY AREA NUMBER: **240550** 

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Jeff T. Wilson. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its CEO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Executive Vice President,

**TDS TELECOM** 

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

day of July

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019